

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached replacement drawing sheet includes a minor amendment to Figure 5A. Figure 5A has been amended to correct a typographical error. To be consistent with the description of this drawing in the specification, reference numeral 5 has been changed to 105. No new matter has been added. Appendix A, attached, includes (1) clean, clearly labeled Replacement Sheet.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets (1)

REMARKS

This amendment is submitted in response to the final Office Action mailed April 11, 2007. After entry of this amendment, claims 25-40 will be pending. Claim 25 is independent.

Claims 40 has been amended to correct a formal matter. Claim 40 now depends from claim 25 rather than from claim 37. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

Figure 5A has been amended to correct a typographical error. Reference numeral 5 has been changed to 105 in order to correspond with the specification as filed. (Specification at page 9, para. [0038].) No new matter has been added by this amendment. The revised figure is included in Appendix A. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner approve the proposed change to Figure 5A.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 25-40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 5,713,853 to Clark *et al.* (“Clark”). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent claim 25 recites a “delivery member . . . shaped in a generally *continuous* cylindrical configuration.” (Emphasis added.) Clark does not disclose, teach, or suggest a “delivery member . . . shaped in a generally continuous cylindrical configuration.” Instead, Clark describes a catheter 700 “with an expandable distal portion which can be used for drug delivery,” wherein the distal portion “preferably comprises a *plurality of longitudinal ribs* 706 having proximal and distal ends depending from the shaft.” (Col. 13, lines 45-46, 54-57 (emphasis added).) The plurality of ribs 706 can be seen in Figures 24-25. The plurality of ribs do not form a delivery member with a “generally continuous cylindrical configuration.” Rather, as described in the specification and seen in Figures 24-25 of Clark, there are gaps between the ribs. This is intentional. Clark explains: “Blood or other fluids can flow through the region defined by the ribs 706. Thrombolytic material greater than the distance between the ribs will be caught by the ribs.” (Col. 14, lines 38-40.) Thus, Clark does not disclose, teach, or suggest each and every element of claim 25.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of independent claim 25 be withdrawn. Because dependent claims 26-40 depend from independent claim 25, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 25-40 be withdrawn for at least the same reason that the rejection of independent claim 25 should be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that claims 25-40 are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner not agree with any of Applicants' positions or arguments herein, a telephonic or personal interview is respectfully requested to discuss and resolve any remaining issues.

No fee is believed due for this response. Should any fee(s) be due at this time, please charge such fee(s) to Jones Day Deposit Acct. No. 50-3013.

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Respectfully submitted,



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